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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED SAUDI PLANS IN MINERALS AREA WITH DEP MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, KABBANI, AFTER RECEIPT OF REF. B. THE SAUDIS HAVE NO PLANS FOR AN OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH EITHER GABON OR BETHLEHEM. DEP MIN ALSO HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PRIVATE CONTACT BY SAUDIS WITH EITHER BETHLEHEM OR GABON.

2. THE SAUDIS ARE, OF COURSE, WELL ALONG WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH MARCONA AND OTHERS CONCERNING USE OF SLURRIED IRON ORE FROM BRAZIL IN A STEEL PLANT TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE EAST COAST. WE WOULD BE QUITE SURPRISED IF THEY SHOULD MAKE A SUDDEN ABOUT FACE IN FAVOR OF GABONESE ORE.
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